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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Since my memorandum of 24 August 1948 on the possibility of early Soviet military aggression there have been additional reports suggesting the likelihood of such actions. The most notable of them are:

1. That MVD chiefs from Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, and the French, British, and U.S. zones in Germany, meeting at Brussels on 26 August, were directed to disrupt industrial activity in their respective zones through strikes, strikes, and disorders, in preparation for "military action in the months to come."
2. That Stalin, on 8 September, issued an order discontinuing Soviet demobilization and directing that personnel in process of demobilization return to their units.
3. That Albanian, Yugoslav, and Bulgarian troops have been concentrated on the Greek frontier.
4. That the Soviets intend to mine Istanbul by force on the night of 18 - 19 September.

Each of these reports may be explained on other grounds than the likelihood of aggressive Soviet military operations.

1. The first evidently refers to future, and perhaps hypothetical, Soviet military action. The fact that the strikes and disorders have not yet occurred would indicate that the action referred to is at least not imminent.

2. It has long been anticipated that Soviet demobilization would be discontinued on the completion of its third stage about 1 September. The only disturbing aspect of the report is the reference to the recall of men in process of demobilization. The report is from an unsure source; it is possible that

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In Alberta, Yukon, and Northwest Territories the
laws on the Grand Council are somewhat but very
not on such a scale as to justify independent
Councils. There are indications that the
Albertan diagnosis firmly in pertinacity, are defective
in character. The territories could not prove their
charges against Grand Council before the Royal Commission
in 1905.

6. The report of Soviet intention to seize Iwo Jima tonight is from an extremely dubious and doubtful source. It is unconfirmed by any evidence of necessary verification for such an attack, and it is probably entirely untrue in the view of sources on

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